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1. Dresden-Klotzsche (F-29): A Soviet parachute regiment, with a training unit attached, is stationed in Dresden-Klotzsche. The troops are mainly youthful--up to twenty-six years of age--and of Siberian origin. Practice jumps take place daily. Two twenty-meter towers have been erected for the initial training of beginners. More advanced pupils jump from heights of 120 to 3,000 meters. Oxygen apparatus is used when jumps of more than 1,000 meters are made.

2. All jumps, even the initial ones, are made with full equipment. All EM except signals personnel and machine-gunners are equipped with machine pistols. Rations and equipment are dropped in special containers, which are recognized by differently colored bands. Arms and ammunition containers differ in shape from ration containers, as is indicated in the following sketch:

Ammunition Container



Red, green, and black bands observed.

Ration Container



White band in all cases.

3. The aircraft used by the parachute regiment are similar to the PS-94. From twenty-five to thirty-five men sometimes jump from a single transport.

4. Dresden: German civilians were evacuated on 20 March 1948 from the twelve wooden barracks situated north of the SS Kaserne in Dresden. These barracks were to be taken over by Russian troops.

5. Weissen, Chemnitz, and Leinbühl. Motion picture theaters and dance halls were requisitioned in these localities for the accomodation of Russian troops early in April 1948. Two thousand new troops were expected to arrive in Weindbühl.

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6. Freital. The barracks of the Sächsische Guss-Stahl Werke Döhlen, which during the war housed 4,000 foreign workers, were being prepared for the accomodation of Russian troops early in April 1948.

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Geheizt [redacted] Accommodation for 6,000 Russian troops has been
requested from the Geheizt Wermungsamt.

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